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SUBJ: AMERICAN COWS ARKRIVE IN CAMEROON

YAOUNDE - NOVEMBER 21 -- TWENTY - TWO COWS FROM THE UNITED STATES ARE PRESENTLY THRIVING IN THE BAMBUI PLAINS OF CAMEROON. THE COWS, A GIFT FROM THE PHILANTHROPIC ORGANIZATION CALLED "HEIFER PROJECT INTERNATIONAL" WHICH HAS ITS HEADQUARTERS IN THE SOUTHERN TOWN OF LITTLE ROCK (ARKANASAS), ARRIVED AUGUST 5.

THE HEIFERS (ACTUALLY 21 HEIFERS AND 1 BULL) ARE SETTLING INTO THEIR NEW ENVIRONMENT WITH THE HELP OF ROGER ROWE, AN AMERICAN FARMER WITH 45 YEARS OF EXPERIENCE. THEY COME FROM TWO OF THE BEST AVAILABLE BREEDS IN THE WORLD: THE HOLSTEIN FRIESIAN AND THE JERSEY AND HAVE BEEN PRODUCING AT LEAST 40 LITRES OF HIGH QUALITY MILK PER DAY. ACCORDING TO MR. ROBERT BURNLEY OF THE CAMEROONIAN MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE, THE AMOUNT OF MILK THE COWS GIVE CONTINUES TO AMAZE LOCAL CATTLEMEN. HE REMARKED THAT ONE EVENING WHEN THE NEW ELECTRIC MILKING DEVICE BROKE DOWN AND THE MEN HAD TO MILK THE COWS BY HAND THEY WERE NOT ONLY AMAZED BUT EXHAUSTED.

THE 21 HEIFERS WERE BRED PRIOR TO LEAVING THE U.S. AND ARE PRESENTLY CALVING. FUTURE PLANS CALL FOR ARTIFICIAL
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INSEMINATION OF THE COWS TO INSURE THE CONTINUED SUPERIORITY

OF THE BREED.

"HEIFER PROJECT INTERNATIONAL" WHICH WAS FOUNDED IN
1944 WORKS TO HELP SMALL CATTLE FARMERS IMPROVE THEIR HERDS.
THIS IS DONE BY BRINGING SUPERIOR CATTLE FROM THE UNITED
STATES TO IMPROVE THE LOCAL STOCK AND BY TEACHING CATTLEMEN
HOW TO BEST USE BOTH HUMAN AND NATURAL RESOURCES AT THEIR
DISPOSAL. WHILE THE AMERICANS DONATED BOTH CATTLE AND THEIR
TIME IN TEACHING LOCAL CATTLEMEN, THE TRANSPORTATION OF THE
ANIMALS WAS PAID FOR BY THE CAMEROONIAN GOVERNMENT. ITEM.
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